

74. A method for clearing biological material from prions comprising treating said material with a monoclonal antibody according to claims 40 or 42.

a, 75. A method for the therapy or prevention of prior diseases, or the vaccination against prior diseases comprising administering to a patient or an animal suffering from such a disease or being likely to becoming a victim of this disease a therapeutical or preventive amount of recombinant PrP or fragments thereof according to claim 59 or 60.

76. use of a monoclonal antibody according to claims 40 or 42 or recombinant PrP or fragments thereof according to claim 59 or 60 for the production of a medicine or a vaccine for the therapy or prevention of prior diseases, or the vaccination against prior diseases.

REMARKS

The last office action of March 8, 2001 has been carefully considered. Claims 40 - 76 are in the case.

For reasons unrelated to patentability, the amendments above striking all of the prior claims and adding claims 40 to 76 is requested. This amendment renders the selection of a class of claims, as instructed in the March 8, 2001 office action unnecessary. Additionally, as confirmed in a telephone conversation, there was no diskette problem report attached to the office action, however, the examiner requested the submission of a new diskette, which is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 50-0955.

Respectfully Submitted,


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